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## Four Suggested for Top CIA Post

WASHINGTON — Four distinguished recommendations for new director of the Central Intelligence Agency are awaiting President Kennedy when he returns from Europe.

They are:

**Deputy Attorney General Byron White** and **General Maxwell Taylor**, retired Army Chief of Staff — by Attorney General Robert Kennedy who is participating in the special study of CIA resulting from the Cuban invasion fiasco.

**General Matthew Ridgway**, former Army Chief of Staff and the brilliantly successful commander of United Nations forces in Korea after Red China intervened in that conflict — by General Douglas MacArthur, whom Ridgway replaced.

**Telford Taylor**, prosecutor at the Nuremberg war criminal trials and a Reserve brigadier general now practicing law in New York — by members of the White House staff.

**General Walter Bedell Smith**, Ambassador to Moscow and head of CIA in the Truman Administration, was again offered the latter post

by President Kennedy the week before his European trip. Smith, now a business executive, declined because of poor health.

The Chief of Staff of General Eisenhower in World War II proposed instead General Taylor or General Ridgway.

**SURPRISE RECOMMENDATION** — The President consulted MacArthur about this thorny problem when he visited him in his New York apartment early last month. The Pacific battle commander immediately suggested Ridgway, and did so with unstinting praise.

When President Truman ousted MacArthur, reports of strained relations between him and Ridgway were rife. There was no hint of that in MacArthur's remarks to the President.

"You couldn't go wrong," said MacArthur, "in putting Ridgway in charge of CIA or giving him any other position involving military decisions and Intelligence. Not only does he have exceptional ability and experience in both, but he is a man of great character, integrity and loyalty. You will be getting the best if you can persuade him to return to Washington."

Ridgway is now head of the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh.

**BOTH DEPUTY** Attorney General White and General Taylor are being recommended by Attorney General Kennedy largely on the basis of their outstanding work in recent emergencies.



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